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Transition to Type 2 Incident Management Team Tomorrow Morning

Southwest Type 2 Incident Management Team #3 (Alan Sinclair, IC) arrived this afternoon. They will assume command of the fire at 6 a.m. tomorrow morning. Today additional resources arrived to support the Fuller Fire. Approximately 200 personnel are currently assigned including 3 hotshot crews, one hand crew, 3 helicopters, 5 engines, one dozer, and 3 water tenders.

The lightning-ignited Fuller Fire is currently estimated to be approximately 3,057 acres, based on a helicopter reconnaissance flight conducted late this afternoon. The lightning-caused fire is located on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park, north of Fuller Canyon Road, about three miles west/southwest of Point Imperial. The North Rim Developed Area remains open.

The Fuller Fire was active throughout the day, especially in the afternoon. Spotting associated with single tree torching occurred late in the day. The fire continues to burn in dead and down logs on the forest floor and aspen regeneration following the 2000 Outlet Fire.

Fire managers continue to focus on trying to keep the fire East of Highway 67, North of the Fuller Canyon Road and Point Imperial Road, and South of the FS 610 Road and Saddle Mountain Trail, where they can do so safely and effectively.

The majority of resources today worked to actively suppress the northeast finger of the fire where it has crossed the FS 610 Road and is burning on the Kaibab National Forest. Hotshot crews and hand crews, supported by dozer operations, helicopters dropping water, and one heavy air tanker dropping retardant, shifted from direct suppression efforts to indirect operations in the afternoon for their safety when fire activity increased in the mixed conifer forest.

Engine crews also worked on holding the fire north and west of the Point Imperial Road. However the fire spotted east of the road this afternoon in an area where the fire was burning in heavy fuels in steep, rugged terrain.

Fire behavior is expected to moderate overnight, with creeping and smoldering fire activity. Spot fires are expected to be active until around midnight.

Tomorrow crews will continue active suppression efforts to contain all spot fires north of the FS 610 Road. They will continue to prep the FS 610 Road for firing operations to help contain fire to the south as opportunities arise.

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The Fuller Fire is being managed for both resource and protection objectives. Resource objectives include returning fire to a fire-adapted ecosystem. Protection objectives include the protection of sensitive wildlife habitat. No structures are currently threatened.

Hot, dry conditions are expected to continue through the weekend. Winds will continue to be high but are expected to remain below Red Flag conditions. Continued fire growth to the north, south and east are expected to continue until monsoonal moisture returns to the area. Fire managers will continue to use a full range of actions to direct or minimize the spread of fire as needed.

Current Trail Closures:

- The Arizona Trail is closed from Lindberg Hill, north to the park boundary
- The Ken Patrick Trail
- The Point Imperial Trail
- The Nankoweap Trail
- The Saddle Mountain Trail
- The South Canyon Trail

Current Road Closures:

- The Point Imperial Road is closed at the junction with the Cape Royal Road. The Cape Royal Road remains open.
- The FS 610 Road
- The FS 611 Road

Smoke is visible from Highway 67 and the North Rim, Marble Canyon, Cameron, and the South Rim. Winds from the West and Southwest are expected to continue to move smoke toward the East and Northeast. If it looks smoky, you may want to limit or avoid exercise or other outdoor activities. Visit <http://wildlandfire.az.gov/links.asp#Smoke> for more information on smoke and your health.

You can follow the progress of this fire as well as view maps and photos on Inciweb at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4845/> or follow @GrandCanyonNPS on Twitter.